SHOW & JUDGING RULES

First Vice President Golby has asked for help with his committee. His address is in the front of the Seed Pod. Please give him, in writing, any changes you think should be made to the show and judging rules. He will have to get this information in order to make a report at the Leesburg meeting.

One change that has been discussed is the amateur and collector sections. Where do we break off? What is an amateur and what is a collector? The current rule is 25 varieties or less is amateur. A person may have 100 plants as long as these hundred represent only 25 varieties and still be an amateur. There is the feeling that the number should be raised to 50. Some members feel that they should be able to show in either amateur or collector as they wish, regardless of plant number.

Whatever criterion is used all chapters should be the same. The Norman Reasoner trophy is awarded on the basis of the largest number of amateur entrants in a chapter show.

The original idea of the 25 varieties was to try to encourage the "back yard" grower to enter in the shows. This didn't seem to work and some of the shows had very poor amateur sections. Most of the time the collector sections were crowded. Some of the members feel that a better figure would be 50. Let Mr. Golby know what you think.

Another suggestion being talked about is in the area of seedling registration. It has been proposed by one of our members that a registration fee of $1.00 be assessed each new seedling before it can be entered in a show. The $1.00 fee would only be paid once for each seedling variety and a certificate given the hybridizer to show that he had paid his buck. He could then show his seedling in accordance with the current rules as to how long a seedling remains a seedling. This payment of $1.00 would be no guarantee that the seedling would be registered for nomenclature purposes if the nomenclature committee felt it was

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not worthy. However, if it was deemed worthy of registration there would be no furtner fee required.

It is felt that this would eliminate a lot of junk on the seedling table. A hybridizer would be able to show his seedling without paying the $1.00 fee by naming his seedling and entering it in the named variety competition. In other words, if the seedling is not worth a buck to register one time then it probably isn't worth entering in the first place.

Here again, let Mr. Golby know what you think of the idea. He needs to know what our growers and exhibitors want.

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